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REMARKS

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1. In late May 1953, [] it was planned to have Major General Heinrich Heitsch, relieved as commander of rear services by Major General Walter Allenstein, on 1 June 1953 and to reassign him to the VP school in Doebeln as school commander.¹

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2. [] the vacation of several VP billets was in connection with the induction to a 3-month course of infantry training of all fit 18- to 30-year-old members of the SED and FDJ after 6 June 1953. It was planned to grant the inductees no leave during this period of time and also to forbid any contact with their families. The capacity of the Nochten summer camp near Weisswasser, which previously was 8,000 men, was raised to 16,000 men in connection with this action. It was planned to induct the 30- to 50-year-old members of the SED and its affiliations under similar conditions for earth-work.²

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3. Commanders in the area of the Erfurt Billeting Office, [] included Lieutenant Colonel Prudlik, (fnu), in Erfurt I (Henne); Lieutenant Colonel Gotthilf, (fnu), in Erfurt II (Loeberfeld); Lieutenant Colonel Butter, (fnu), in Erfurt III (Petersburg); Major General Rudolf Bammler in Erfurt IV and V (Steiger); Lieutenant Colonel Pietzsch, (fnu), in Gera I (Keppler Strasse); Major Stier, (fnu), in Buchhausen and Lieutenant Colonel Pfeifer, (fnu), in Weimar (Holzdorf).

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1. [] Comment. A previous report [] also stated that Major General Walter Allenstein was appointed chief of rear services in the Ministry of the Interior.

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2. [] Comment. A previous report [] also mentioned the plan to subject 18- to 30 year-old members of the SED and FDJ to military training. [] Previous reports [] also stated that Camp Nochten was enlarged. []

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25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The Erfurt Filleting Office is reported for the first time. The officers mentioned in the present report are known as commanders of military units and schools in the listed posts. Erfurt I is an artillery regiment; Erfurt II is an infantry officer candidate school; Erfurt III is a quartermaster school; Erfurt IV is a technical tank officer candidate school; Erfurt V is an SP artillery school; Gera I probably is the remainder of the former cadre unit whose commander is known to be Lieutenant Colonel Pietzsch, (fnu); Muehlhausen probably is Infantry Unit [REDACTED]; and Weimar-Holzendorf is the location of the KVP interpreters' school. [REDACTED]

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